

Explorer Hall of Fame

Introduction

- The Age of Exploration was a time of great change and discovery. Explorers claimed new lands not previously known for European countries. These explorers made discoveries of great historical importance, sometimes by mistake. Mistake or not, these explorers made important discoveries for the world, and their efforts have earned them a place in history.

Task

- The task is for students to break into groups to research an important European explorer. Each group will be assigned one European explorer. Groups will then use the research to create a PowerPoint presentation on the explorer.

Process

1. Each group will choose an explorer from the following list: Christopher Columbus, Henry Hudson, Hernando de Soto, Samuel de Champlain, Robert La Salle, Juan Ponce de Leon, Francis Drake, Vasco da Gama, and Ferdinand Magellan.
2. Using the web sites provided and information already presented in class, each group will research its assigned explorer. Here is a list of questions to keep in mind when doing research:
 - What was the lifespan of the explorer?
 - For what country did the explorer sail?
 - How many voyages did this explorer make?
 - Why did the explorer go on his voyage(s)?
 - What parts of the world did this explorer travel?
 - What was the result of his voyage? How did it influence the world?
 - Try to include a picture of your explorer and a map of his voyage.
 - Topics may include, but are not limited to the ones above.
3. Upon compiling information, groups will use the relevant information to create a PowerPoint presentation about the explorer. Be sure to watch for grammatical errors and misinformation.
4. Students must record their information sources works cited.

Resources

Christopher Columbus:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/c/columbus.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=206142>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=206142>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0812984.html>
<http://www.mariner.org/educationalad/ageofex/columbus.php>
<http://www.columbusnavigation.com/>
<http://www.bergonia.org/History/columbus.htm>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/J002678F/columbus.htm>
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=12>

Henry Hudson:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/h/udson.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=212282>
<http://www.pbs.org/empireofthebay/profiles/udson.html>
<http://www.mariner.org/educationalad/ageofex/udson.php#>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0824435.html>
<http://www.hrmm.org/halfmoon/halfmoon.htm>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/udson.html>
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/henryudson.htm>
http://history-world.org/henry_udson.htm
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=15>

Hernando de Soto:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/d/desoto.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=207452>
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04753a.htm>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0815281.html>
<http://international.loc.gov/intldl/eshtml/es-1/es-1-2-2.html>
http://history-world.org/de_soto_discoversthemississippi.htm
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=35>

Samuel de Champlain:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/c/champlain.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=205217>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0811298.html>
<http://www.samueldechamplain.com/>

<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/champlain.html>
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03567a.htm>
<http://www.pbs.org/empireofthebay/profiles/dechamplain.html>
<http://www.blupete.com/Hist/BiosNS/1600-00/Champlain.htm>
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=1>

Robert La Salle:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/l/lasalle.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=214387>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0828919.html>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/lasalle.html>
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09009b.htm>
<http://www.famousamericans.net/robertcavelierlasalle/>
http://www.civilisations.ca/vmnf/explor/lasal_e2.html
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=32>

Juan Ponce de Leon:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/d/deleon.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=219594>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0839647.html>
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12228a.htm>
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=66>
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/worldhistory/juanponcedeleon1.htm>
<http://www.famousamericans.net/juanponcedeleon/>

Francis Drake:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/d/drake.shtml>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=207876>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0816063.html>
<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=27>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/drake_francis.shtml
<http://www.sirfrancisdrakehistory.net/>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/drake.html>

Vasco da Gama:

<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=5>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=210056>
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/d/dagama.shtml>

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06374a.htm>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/dagama.html>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/gama_vasco_da.shtml
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/worldhistory/vascodagama1.htm>

Ferdinand Magellan:

<https://www.mariner.org/exploration/index.php?type=explorer&id=8>
<http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=215471>
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/m/magellan.shtml>
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09526b.htm>
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/worldhistory/magellan1.htm>
<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/people/A0831125.html>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/magellan2.html>
<http://history-world.org/magellan.htm>

Evaluation

For a scoring rubric, go to CICERO/Unit 2/Professional Development/Rubrics/Web Quest.

Conclusion

- What have you learned from your research?
- Were the sources reliable?
- Did you find any information to be surprising or false?
- Did you already know any of this information?
- While doing research, did you come across any other explorers about whom you think it would be interesting to learn more?
- How important do you think this explorer was to history? Why?

For further information on famous explorers, go to www.cicerohistory.com –

1. Click on “**The First Globalization.**”
 - a. **Heroes** – Christopher Columbus, Henry Hudson, Hernando de Soto, Samuel de Champlain, Robert LaSalle, Juan Ponce de Leon, Francis Drake
 - b. **Activities** – Historical Maps